

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge James K. Bredar**

8C U.S. Courthouse, 101 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201  
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**James K. Bredar**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1957  
Education: Harvard 1979 AB; Georgetown 1982 JD  
Began Service: January 26, 1998  
Term Expires: January 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Richard P. Matsch, United States District Court for the District of Colorado

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Colorado District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1985-1989); Assistant Federal Public Defender, United States District Court for the District of Colorado (1989-1991); Federal Public Defender, United States District Court for the District of Maryland

**Nonprofit:** Project Director, Vera Institute of Justice (1991-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Beverly Peyton Griffith** ..... (410) 962-0950  
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**Beth P. Gesner**  
Magistrate Judge

Education: Indiana (PA) 1979 BA; Georgetown 1983 JD  
Began Service: May 1999

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Kathryn L. Rakoczy** ..... (410) 962-4288  
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**Thomas M. DiGirolamo**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
Education: Dickinson 1981 JD  
Began Service: June 30, 2004  
Term Expires: June 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Maryland Circuit Court, Washington County (1981-1982)

**Government:** Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, County of Washington, Maryland (1983-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; Washington County Bar Association

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**Victor H. Laws III**

Magistrate Judge (part-time)

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Brown 1975 AB; Maryland 1978 JD  
Began Service: March 22, 1988  
Term Expires: March 2012  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Affiliation:** Partner, Laws & Robertson, PA

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.; Wicomico County Bar Association

**Staff**

Secretary (**Vacant**) ..... (410) 749-7990  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 4

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**Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Duncan W. Keir**

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**Duncan W. Keir**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Maryland 1975 JD  
Began Service: 1993  
Term Expires: November 11, 2021

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, School of Law, University of Maryland, Baltimore (1989)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.; Deputy General Counsel, Maryland National Bank, American Security Bank (1991-1993)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Bankruptcy; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

Judicial Assistant **Anna Maria Pacella-Holt** ..... (410) 962-3555

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**James F. Schneider**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Baltimore 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: February 1, 1982  
Term Expires: October 2, 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Albert L. Sklar, Baltimore City Circuit Court (1972-1973)

**Government:** Assistant State's Attorney, State of Maryland (1973-1978); General Equity Master, Supreme Bench, City of Baltimore, Maryland (1978-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The Bar Association of Baltimore City; Maryland State Bar Association, Inc.

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Justin Fasano** ..... (410) 962-2997  
Began Service: September 2007  
Term Expires: September 2009  
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**Paul Mannes**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1933  
Education: Dartmouth 1955 AB; Georgetown 1958 LLB, 1961 LLM  
Began Service: December 30, 1981  
Term Expires: September 30, 2014

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable A.L. Holtzoff, United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1957-1960)

**Government:** Assistant Corporate Counsel, District of Columbia (1959-1960)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Bernstein, Alper, Klavan & Mannes (1960-1968); Partner, Klavan & Mannes (1968-1975); Partner, Mannes, Meyers, Nadonley, Townsend and O'Brien (1975-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American College of Bankruptcy; Montgomery County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

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**Nancy V. Alquist**  
Bankruptcy Judge

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Thomas J. Catliota**

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**Thomas J. Catliota**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1953  
Education: Marquette 1977 BS; Catholic U 1983 JD; Georgetown 1985 LLM  
Began Service: April 2006

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable L. Bragolis, United States Court of Federal Claims (1983-1984)

**Corporate:** Credit Analyst, First Bank Milwaukee (1976-1982); Commercial Loan Officer, District of Columbia, First American Bank (1979-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Thomas Byrne** ..... (301) 344-3662  
Began Service: 2008  
Term Expires: September 2010  
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Law Clerk **Leah Lerman** ..... (301) 344-3660  
Began Service: September 2008  
Term Expires: September 2009  
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Education: Tennessee State 1989 BS

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Wendelin I. Lipp**

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**Wendelin I. Lipp**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2006

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Robert A. Gordon**

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**Robert A. Gordon**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: June 2006

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) E. Stephen Derby**

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Tel: (410) 962-7801

**E. Stephen Derby**  
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1938  
Education: Wesleyan U 1960 AB; Harvard 1965 LLB  
Began Service: December 9, 1987

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, University System of Maryland (1987-1999)

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